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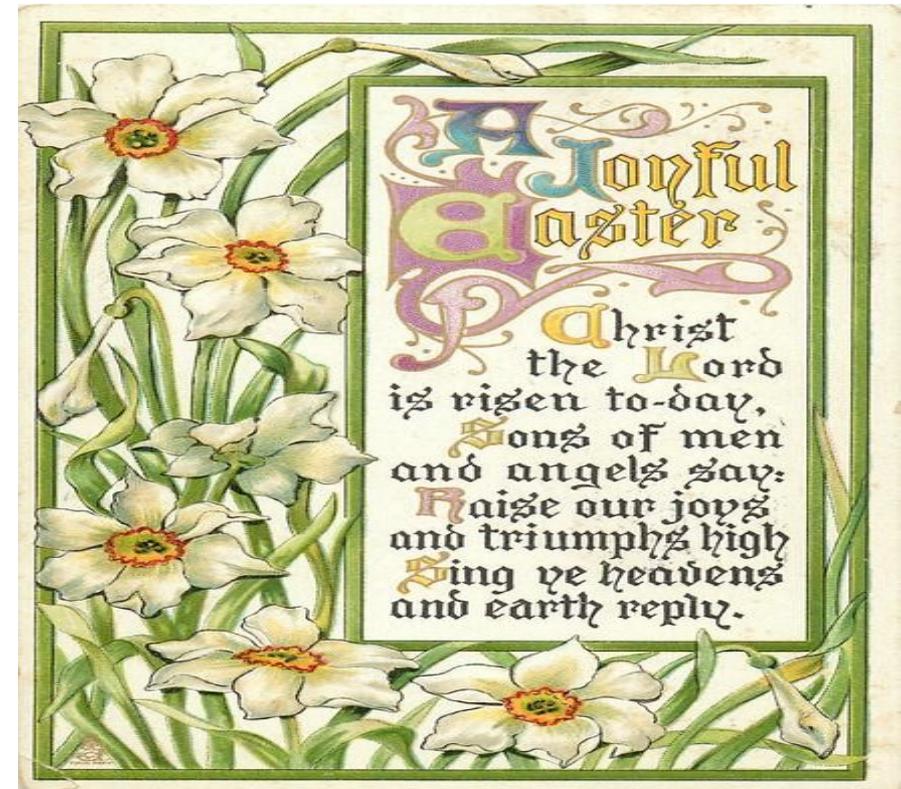
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*“Making Jesus Known By Sharing Our Gifts”*

# The River

A Blended Worship Service



Lutheran Church of the Cross

April 9, 2023

8:00am Easter Sunday

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS**  
**Easter Morning 8:00am**  
**April 9, 2023**

You are invited to sing with the River Worship Team throughout our worship.  
All songs and worship liturgy will be projected on the screens for your use.

WE GATHER TOGETHER IN DARKNESS AND SILENCE

**EASTER GATHERING SONG:** “Lift High the Cross”

**EASTER ACCLAMATION**

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETINGS OF PEACE**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**OUR CONFESSION, GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

**EASTER GATHERING SONG:** “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

**FIRST READING:** Acts 10:34-43

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

**SECOND READING:** Colossians 3:1-4

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** “Alleluia! (Give the Glory)”

**GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 28:1-10

**SERMON** Pastor Lisa Ahlness

~ Ken & Karen Will  
In honor of our grandchildren

~ Arvid & Shiela Mugaas  
In honor of the River Singers

~ Mavis Pommerer  
In memory of Roger Pommerer

~ Lois Kunze & family  
In memory of Russell Kunze

~ Marjo & Jim Hewitson  
In memory of Dorthy & Eldon Fliginger, Elizabeth & Percey Hewitson

~ John & Janet Doerner  
Pastor Lisa and Deacon Janie

~ Terry & Sally Grenz  
In honor of all God’s children

*Thank you to all who so graciously donated the Easter flowers in memory or in honor of special people in your lives. A special thank you to those that came and arranged the flowers in the sanctuary. They are beautiful!*



- ~ Lois Hanson  
In memory of Lyle Hanson
- ~ Brian & Sarah Dahl  
In memory of Phillip and Vivian Dahl
- ~ LorRaine Riveland  
In memory of Roger Riveland, Art & Dora Strand
- ~ Diane Klein & family  
In memory of Jim Klein
- ~ Deanna & Doug Johnson  
In memory of Deanna's mom; Eleanor and Doug's mom; Peggy
- ~ Roger & Esther Anderson  
In memory of Esther's four sisters
- ~ Kay & Jim Miller  
In memory and in honor of family

## He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed



**SONG OF THE DAY:** "Now All The Vault of Heaven Resounds"

**NICENE CREED**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:** "Let Us Pray for Peace"

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING** Special Music: "It is Finished"  
Performed by Deb Carpenter, Joel Crane, Kerry Carpenter

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

WE SHARE THE MEAL

**PREPARATION FOR THE MEAL**

**LORD'S PRAYER** (spoken)

**INVITATION TO OUR LORD'S SUPPER** *All Are Welcome*

**COMMUNION SONGS:** Special Music: "Easter Hallelujah"  
Performed by Amanda Sagsveen, Barb Wilson, Kerry Carpenter,  
Paul Gurholt  
"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

**COMMUNION BLESSING/POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION:** (spoken)

**SENDING SONG:** "Join in the Dance"

**DISMISSAL:** "Up From the Grave He Arose"

**EASTER READINGS REFLECTION:**

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

## THE RIVER” WORSHIP MINISTERS

Pastor—Pastor Lisa Ahlness

Scripture Reader—Tracy Geiermann

Ushers—John Kraft & Roger Krueger

Communion Assistants— Sally Grenz, Mavis Pommerer, Donna Belisle

Altar Guild—Cherie Krueger, Jean Kraft, Mavis Pommerer, Barb Thomas

Faith & Care — Molly & Ken Traynor, Pam & Ron Lee

River Worship Team—

**Sound Board Technicians—Terry Grenz, Lavern Hanson**

**Projection Team— Caden, Kunze, Jace Kunze, Art Wheeler**

**Streaming Team— Mike Collins, Tom Harris, Mark Kunze, Karen Will**

**River Singers— Deb Carpenter, Kerry Carpenter, Sally Grenz, Paul**

**Gurholt, Doug Johnson, Cherie Krueger, AJ Marx, Amanda**

**Sagsveen, Gerri Sarsten, John Sayler, Claudia Thompson, Tom**

**Wade, Barb Wilson**

**Guitarists—Tom Wade, Marin Traynor**

**Percussionist— Kari Harris**

**Violinist—Fynn Sagsveen**

**Flutist—Beth Greff**

**Accompanists—Jan & Joel Gilbertson, Eve Kath, Gerri Sarsten, Beth Greff**

## Prayers, Births, Deaths, Concerns

Please contact Connie in the church office if you have a prayer request, or if you will be entering the hospital and would like a pastoral visit.

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

(We encourage you to take this list home and pray for these people.)

For those struggling with health and other concerns:

Maxine Hill, Reece Fischer, Tracy Martinson, Ann Hillesland, Erwin and Linda Marson, Arlene Wolff, Gary and LaVonne Hultin, John Behan, Bob Roesler, Joesey Hanson, Earl Larson, Carolyn Wegerle, Nicole Eckroth, Mary Schuler, Gladys Bain, Nancy Dockter, Lori Marx, Pastor Jerry Erickson, Hattie Martinson, Ed Decker, Brady Staloch, Bishop Craig Schweitzer, Curt Hauff, Carter Weigel, Kerry Carpenter, Mary Ternes, David Marx and grandson, MaryBeth Osborn, Vicky Moser, Wayne Narum, Todd Wood, Jeff Thomas, Bernice Walton, Mark Meier, Chelsea Sorenson, Jean King

For those dealing with the death of these loved ones—Quinton Wolff, Berdeal Bergo

## Easter Flower Donations

~ Cherie & Roger Krueger

In memory of our families gone before us. In honor of our children; Jessica & John and their families

~ Jerry & Patty Hanson

In honor of Marin, Keelin, and Nora Traynor  
In memory of Scott Kennedy and Barb Hanson

~ Art Wheeler & Beth Greff

In memory of Florence Wheeler

~ Arlene, Robin, Colete, Elizabeth & Heather Hoglund

In memory of Bob Hoglund

~ Candace, Gloria, Sandra

In memory of Agnes & Conrad Christianson

~ John & Mark Erickstad families

In memory of Ralph & Lois Erickstad

~ Donna Belisle

In memory of family and friends

~ John & Jean Kraft

In honor of Lutheran Church of the Cross and family

